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Timely Tidbits ...

Blue Sky Fund-raiser Aids Animal Shelter

Pat and Lynn Ostrowski, co-owners of Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers, will sponsor a fund-raiser to benefit the Romulus Animal Shelter on Saturday, September 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The fun-filled event, to be held at the restaurant (located on Huron River Drive at Eureka), will feature live country music, pony rides, a petting zoo, a "moon walk," kids' games, a dunk tank, raffles, animal adoption information, and more!

RHS Homecoming

The entire community is encouraged to attend Romulus High School's annual Homecoming game on Friday, September 29. The Eagles varsity football team, currently 3-1 (pending the outcome of the September 22 game against Garden City) will face River Rouge at Romulus Middle School at 7 p.m.

Kicking off the event will be the annual Homecoming Parade, which will begin at the Romulus City Hall parking lot (corner of Wayne and Goddard roads) at 5 p.m. The parade will follow its usual route (Bibbins, to Gabriel, to Goddard, to Neville, to Ozga, to Wick), and end up at RMS (37300 Wick Road) in time for the game.

For information, call Romulus High School (734-532-1000).

Adult Open Volleyball

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is organizing an Adult Open Volleyball program, which will meet in the Romulus Middle School gymnasium between 7 and 9 p.m. each Thursday from October 12 through December 14.

Basic skills are required to participate in the program. Teams may be divided at the instructor's discretion.

Cost is \$65 for residents and nonresidents (age 18 and up) alike.

For more information, or to register, stop in at the Recreation Office (11189 Shook Road) or call 734-941-8665. □

Airport Concludes Sound Insulation Program

The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) recently announced the conclusion of its Residential Sound Insulation Program (RSIP), designed to provide sound insulation treatment for more than 2,400 homes and 7 schools in neighborhoods near Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW). These neighborhoods are located within a noise "footprint" that was first created in 1993 (and later revised) using Congressionally established standards. The standards were used to identify areas that are impacted by long-term high exposure to airport noise, with additional consideration for areas affected by nighttime noise.

According to WCAA CEO Lester Robinson, the RSIP is one element in a larger noise compatibility plan voluntarily initiated by DTW. The program included the installation of noise berms around the airport's perimeter, as well as the acquisition of homes most impacted by airport-related noise, modified air traffic control procedures, pref-

erential runway use, and aircraft-engine ground run-up procedures.

"In just 14 years, more than \$118 million has been pumped into the 'footprint' surrounding the airport as of the beginning of this year," said Robinson. "The goal is noise reduction, but a side-benefit of residential sound insulation is home improvement and energy savings for residents. In many cases, improvements provided by the program stimulated community pride, and homeowners began making other sorts of home and landscaping improvements, which continue to benefit entire neighborhoods today."

The majority of that money – nearly \$76 million – was spent sound-insulating homes in Romulus (more than \$30 million), Huron Township, Taylor, Westland and Dearborn Heights. According to the WCAA, residential sound insulation typically includes new acoustical windows, primary and secondary doors, attic insulation, and other architectural treatments. In most homes, it also in-

cluded new heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems, allowing homeowners to keep windows closed to block noise infiltration.

Seven schools in five communities (including Merriman Elementary in Romulus) were also sound insulated at a cost of \$5.4 million, and 265 homes most impacted by aircraft noise were acquired by the program at the appraised market value. Some residents opted for the airport's Purchase Assurance program, intended to enable homeowners to obtain fair market value at the time of the sale.

Noise measurements conducted by California-based Charles Salter Associates concluded that DTW's RSIP treatments successfully reduced interior noise levels. On average, the WCAA stated, homes achieved a 7.7 Decibel reduction (2.7Db better than the Federal Aviation Administration minimum), and 29% of the homes tested achieved a greater-than-10Db reduction in noise.

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Annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival Was Big Hit



Largely responsible for the success of the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival, held September 15-17, was the Pumpkin Festival Committee, which included the following members (and their children): (from left) front – Betsey Krampitz, Kathy Lindroth, Cynthia Lyon, Lexi Lyon, Cameron Arold, Sharon Gurner, Jackson Arold, Jennifer Arold, Elizabeth Krampitz, Ally Wojtylko, Kevin Wojtylko, David Druyor, Lauren Druyor, Joshua Brown, and Maria Lambert; back – Linda Collier, Julie Allison, Diane Hazen, Hubert Staten, Joanne Whaley, Kevin Krampitz, Bob Youtsey, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Cathy Freitag, Carole Bales, Philip Wagner, Clifford West, Debra Hoffman, Helen Carroll, Keenan Brown, Julie Wojtylko, Merrie Druyor, Sharon Raftary, Laurie James, Carmelita Brown, Reverend Arthur Willis, and Rosalie Berlinn. *For story and more photos, please see pages 6-7.*

Letter to the Editor

Lambert: "I'm Very Much a Union Man"

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you in response to Mr. John Clark's letter, which was published in your September 8, 2006 issue (Volume 20, Number 4). Mr. Clark has apparently confused some issues, and once again has been given bad information. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the real facts with the citizens of our community.

In regard to recent negotiations with union employees, through their diligent work in being fiscally responsible, the Budget and Finance Department and the Human Resources Department inquired about the possibility of outsourcing some of our janitorial services, and presented the information to the negotiating team during recent contract talks.

I am not a member of the negotiating team, and do not get involved in the process until I am updated by that team.

When the information was presented to me, after weighing all the issues, it was my decision not to proceed with outsourcing and to save the union positions for our residents.

Yes, Mr. Clark, the unions have supported me in my campaigns. They have done so for very good reasons:

I was a union member for 28 years, and was involved in many union activities. I've hired 19 Teamster Union members since I took office in 2001.

I promised to upgrade our Fire Department into a full-time, around-the-clock operation. With the help of the City Council, that is precisely what we accomplished, and I have hired 9 union firefighters.

In the Police Department, I have hired 11 sworn police officers and 2 dispatchers—all union members—since I became mayor.

That is why the police and firefighters unions have supported my candidacies.

As a former union police officer and

automotive employee, I know what it means to be a member of a union organization. I apply the union philosophy to my work in the Mayor's Office on a daily basis. That is why I am honored to have the continued support of so many unions.

"Mayor Lambert is very union oriented and has always assured our membership is treated fairly." (Rick St. Andre, president, Romulus Police Officers Association)

"Mayor Lambert and his staff worked diligently with our local to settle the current bargaining agreement." (George Simko, Jr., chief steward, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 25, Local 1917)

"Mayor Lambert, being a former Union member, is very cognizant of our needs and has always had an open door policy for us to express our concerns and issues, he has always done what is best for our community." (Mark Wilhide, president, Romulus Professional Firefighters Local 4126)

By working together, your elected officials have improved City facilities, programs, and services while, at the same time, improving the workplace for the employees of the City. We have accomplished these achievements for the greater good of our community. Oftentimes, that means researching possible alternatives and making the final decisions that will provide the best outcome for our community and our employees. By doing so, we will continue to help make Romulus a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Mayor Alan R. Lambert
City of Romulus

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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Monday, August 28, through Sunday, September 10.

(Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Monday, August 28

- 1:39 a.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (block of 35400 Garner)
- 2:31 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9270 Middlebelt)
- 10:42 a.m. – Larceny (block of 37900 Ecorse)
- 10:43 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5900 Frederic)
- 10:59 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 28600 Hildebrandt)
- 11:43 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5900 Frederic)
- 1:05 p.m. – Property Damage/Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 6230 Central)
- 3:44 p.m. – Rescue (block of 5900 Frederic)
- 4:29 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 38900 Chase)
- 4:43 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8450 Merriman)
- 5:41 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 12000 Wahrman)
- 6:00 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 34900 Julie)
- 7:41 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 15800 Isabelle)
- 8:22 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6750 Gloria)
- 9:26 p.m. – Fight (block of 7770 Canterbury Dr.)

Tuesday, August 29

- 6:22 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9840 Harrison)
- 10:00 a.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 7100 Middlebelt)
- 10:16 a.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 10:55 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6200 Columbus)
- 12:32 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 12:49 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 38800 Rodeo)
- 3:08 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 37300 Wick)
- 3:14 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 3:33 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35500 Beverly)
- 5:00 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 34400 Wick)

- 6:48 p.m. – Death Investigation (block of 9520 Tobine)
- 6:49 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 10100 Diane)
- 7:21 p.m. – Larceny (block of 28900 Cullen Dr.)
- 8:23 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 38600 Tempe)
- 10:52 p.m. – Threats (block of 9850 Middlebelt)

Wednesday, August 30

- 3:06 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 29200 Leroy)
- 6:57 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5920 Metro)
- 9:18 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 11700 Metro Airport Center Dr.)
- 9:31 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30600 Eureka)
- 10:31 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 27400 Pennsylvania)
- 10:35 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 30100 Cherry)
- 11:04 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:05 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 7080 Niagara)
- 2:02 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:04 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 37200 McBride)
- 3:35 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:46 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:07 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 15800 Knurlwoode)
- 7:17 p.m. – Larceny (block of 35800 Concord Dr.)
- 8:10 p.m. – Larceny (Aberdeen)
- 8:13 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6400 Merriman)
- 8:38 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6630 Amarillo)
- 9:45 p.m. – OUIL (Middlebelt)
- 10:03 p.m. – Fight (block of 28700 N. Maple)

Thursday, August 31

- 12:28 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 1:10 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6110 Loraine)
- 10:32 a.m. – JC/R (block of 15500 Harrison)
- 1:07 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 16300 Dodge)
- 1:36 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28400 Eureka)
- 1:47 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 7020 Niagara)
- 2:16 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 7630 Merriman)

- 5:28 p.m. – Rescue (block of 36900 Grant)
- 7:45 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile) (block of 29100 Ecorse)
- 9:44 p.m. – Rescue (block of 33100 Annapolis)
- 10:09 p.m. – Threats (block of 30600 Eureka)
- 10:48 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 35600 Smith)
- 10:57 p.m. – JC/R (block of 11100 Romaine)

Friday, September 1

- 2:18 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 28600 S. Maple)
- 2:36 a.m. – OUIL (block of 36900 Goddard)
- 3:37 a.m. – Larceny (block of 5880 Metro)
- 7:02 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 30600 Cypress)
- 8:57 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28300 Heather Way)
- 9:39 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 37200 McBride)
- 10:50 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 31900 Newcastle)
- 1:34 p.m. – Larceny (block of 29200 Airport Dr.)
- 2:19 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 35600 Wick)
- 3:38 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9500 Middlebelt)
- 3:59 p.m. – Fight (block of 16000 Hermosa)
- 5:42 p.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 11600 Wayne)
- 5:44 p.m. – Larceny (block of 5800 Wayne)
- 8:42 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 5820 Middlebelt)
- 9:56 p.m. – Fight (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 10:20 p.m. – Disturbance

(block of 35400 Garner)

- 11:01 p.m. – Overdose (block of 5990 Metro)

Saturday, September 2

- 4:54 p.m. – Fight (block of 9550 Middlebelt)
- 6:09 a.m. – Larceny (block of 7110 Merriman)
- 9:59 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35200 Michele)
- 11:37 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9450 Biddle)
- 12:49 p.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:52 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6590 Laramie)
- 2:07 p.m. – Rescue (block of 28500 N. Maple)
- 4:25 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28400 Leroy)
- 5:49 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 6:44 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 16400 Brandt)
- 6:45 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 8450 Merriman)
- 9:06 p.m. – Larceny (block of 33900 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 9:52 p.m. – Larceny (block of 33900 Pine Wood Cir.)

Sunday, September 3

- 12:41 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15800 Middlebelt)
- 12:51 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 32100 Bruce)
- 12:58 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 1:51 a.m. – Fight (block of 32100 Bruce)
- 2:24 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 37100 Menton)
- 2:51 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6880 Niagara)
- 3:39 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 39000 Superior)

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The Police Blotter

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- 7:02 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 13000 Middlebelt)
- 9:03 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 6250 Loraine)
- 9:52 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 11000 Wahrman)
- 9:58 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 10000 Diane)
- 10:19 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 7000 Niagara)
- 10:46 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 29100 Leroy)
- 11:39 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 8640 Whitehorn)

Monday, September 4

- 12:21 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6150 Tyndall)
- 5:50 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 8000 Merriman)
- 12:21 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 10400 Harrison)
- 4:47 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 6600 Niagara)
- 8:45 p.m. – Man with a Weapon
(block of 16200 Eastwind)
- 10:37 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 29200 Ecorse)

Tuesday, September 5

- 1:02 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 35600 Wick)
- 2:01 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 8850 Cogswell)
- 8:01 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 37300 Goddard)
- 8:35 a.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 14700 Five M Center Dr.)
- 11:23 a.m. – Missing Person
(block of 35600 Margaret)
- 2:29 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 33100 Bay Hill Dr.)
- 4:04 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 31500 Wick)
- 5:27 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 7020 Niagara)
- 9:40 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 5880 Metro)

Wednesday, September 6

- 2:47 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 7080 Chippewa)
- 6:52 a.m. – UDAA
(block of 6870 Niagara)
- 7:22 a.m. – Man with a Weapon
(block of 8910 Middlebelt)
- 9:37 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 6730 Brandt)
- 10:25 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 13200 Cogswell)
- 10:35 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 34700 Lynn)
- 10:56 a.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 9350 Washington)
- 1:19 p.m. – Fight
(block of 11200 Moore)
- 1:54 p.m. – Assault & Battery
(block of 11200 Moore)
- 1:58 p.m. – Health & Safety
(block of 31200 Beverly)
- 4:07 p.m. – Fight
(block of 6330 Hunt)
- 4:14 p.m. – Criminal Sexual
Conduct (CSC)

- (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 5:07 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 37200 McBride)
- 5:16 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 6770 Brandt)
- 6:29 p.m. – Fight
(block of 11200 Moore)
- 6:31 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 31300 Ecorse)
- 6:41 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 6000 Georgia)
- 6:57 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 34400 Beverly)
- 7:52 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 11200 Moore)
- 8:47 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 16300 Cork Tree)
- 9:08 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:40 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 6400 Merriman)

Thursday, September 7

- 8:04 a.m. – ORV Complaint
(block of 28000 Beverly)
- 8:13 a.m. – Fight
(block of 15700 Brandt)
- 8:53 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 32800 Ecorse)
- 9:53 a.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 31700 Ecorse)
- 1:06 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 28400 Halecreek)
- 3:14 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 34900 Julie)
- 3:29 p.m. – ORV Complaint
(block of 6000 Washington)
- 6:25 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 5890 Georgia)
- 7:40 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 15400 Brandt)
- 9:02 p.m. – Missing Person
(block of 35700 Beverly)
- 10:13 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 11400 Olive)

Friday, September 8

- 1:29 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 8500 Wickham)
- 6:55 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 8610 Whitehorn)
- 8:10 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 8100 Middlebelt)
- 8:13 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 15300 Pine Dr.)

- 9:53 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 31700 Beverly)
- 10:36 a.m. – Fraud Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:50 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 7170 Coral Dr.)
- 1:21 p.m. – Bad Checks
(block of 28500 Goddard)
- 2:26 p.m. – Fight
(block of 9470 Chamberlain)
- 3:27 p.m. – Death Investigation
(block of 10000 Ozga)
- 4:22 p.m. – Recovered UDAA
(block of 8320 Merriman)
- 5:06 p.m. – Recovered UDAA
(block of 8320 Merriman)
- 5:56 p.m. – Threats
(block of 15500 Sandburg)
- 5:57 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6900 Homefield)
- 6:50 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 35400 Goddard)
- 7:44 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 5960 Frederic)
- 8:33 p.m. – UDAA
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:17 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 6770 Merriman)
- 10:38 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 7130 Washington)
- 11:57 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 29400 Eureka)

Saturday, September 9

- 1:04 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 6000 Middlebelt)
- 8:33 a.m. – Threats
(block of 10900 Wayne)
- 9:45 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 30500 Dru)
- 10:00 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 35600 Margaret)
- 10:19 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 29800 Eureka)
- 2:30 p.m. – Threats
(block of 30900 Flynn Dr.)
- 3:36 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 30400 Ecorse)
- 4:04 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 6020 Dexter)
- 5:51 p.m. – Threats
(block of 34500 Wick)
- 8:04 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 6770 Merriman)

- 8:09 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 9500 Biddle)
- 9:48 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 37200 McBride)
- 11:24 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 31300 Van Born)
- 11:40 p.m. – Rescue
(block of 6100 Wayne)

Sunday, September 10

- 12:36 a.m. – Fight
(block of 39000 Commons Dr.)
- 1:21 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 13000 Inkster)
- 5:01 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 7:49 a.m. – Rescue
(block of 35500 Smith)
- 10:24 a.m. – Recovered UDAA
(block of 35500 Margaret)
- 10:41 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 28000 Pennsylvania)
- 12:21 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 33400 Bay Hill Dr.)
- 12:59 p.m. – UDAA
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:37 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 15700 Oakbrook)
- 6:24 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 9300 Wayne)
- 9:30 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 7980 Fallow Ct.)
- 9:42 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 38900 Wyoming)
- 10:03 p.m. – Breaking & Entering
(block of 29000 Airport Dr.) □

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Airport Concludes Noise Program

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Homeowners reported a 90% reduction in frequent noise-related disturbances, and 99% of homeowners would recommend the program to others.

The RSIP, which began in 1997, was one recommendation in a broader Noise Compatibility Plan, developed when DTW completed a Federal Aviation Regulation Part 150 Noise Study in 1993. Participation in the federal Part 150 program is voluntary on the part of the airport. An airport which participates is eligible to receive up to 80% federal funding, and must follow the guidelines established by Congress. Progress in the program has been monitored by the FAA, which administered all federal funding. More than 20 contracting firms participated in the sound insulation program. For the past five years, the prime consultant on the program has been C&S Engineers, which established a local office in New Boston.

WCAA officials reported that the official noise exposure map for Detroit Metropolitan Airport is currently being updated, and new data indicates that the noise contours surrounding DTW are shrinking. This is due, they say, to the accelerated addition of more fuel-efficient (and quieter) aircraft by the airlines, more reliance on smaller and quieter regional jets, and the phasing out of noisier stage II aircraft.

However, with the approval of the FAA, all eligible homes within both the old and the new noise exposure contours have been addressed by the program.

"The contract for sound insulating the last 43 homes is scheduled for consideration at the September 28 WCAA Board Meeting, which means the final sound insulation activity should conclude before Thanksgiving," said a recent bulletin released by the WCAA. "The Airport Authority is no longer ac-

cepting applications for sound insulation. Extensive outreach to homeowners was conducted throughout the program, including direct mailings, telephone calls, knocking on doors, group meetings, media outreach, [and] newsletters and communications with homeowner associations, property management companies and realtors. Finally, follow-up contacts were made with homeowners, who initially declined to participate, to ensure they had additional opportunities before the deadline."

WCAA CEO Robinson concluded his remarks by thanking Wayne County Commissioner Edward Boike, who is also a member of the Airport Authority Board.

"He remained actively engaged, throughout this entire process, and never failed to represent the best interests of his constituents," said Robinson.

Although WCAA research indicated that most RSIP participants were satisfied with the program, Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert and his staff are less pleased.

"We're very sorry to see the Residential Sound Insulation Program ending," said Betsey Krampitz, Lambert's chief of staff. "Because the entire city is impacted by airport noise, we had hoped that more homes would receive relief through this program."

"We realize, of course, that it's not feasible to sound-insulate the entire community, but we do think that the noise footprint should have been greatly expanded," she added. □

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Parade of Lights, Pumpkin Festival Draw Record Crowds

Another successful Parade of Lights and Pumpkin Festival set new attendance records for both events, drawing thousands of people from all over south-east Michigan to the City of Romulus.

Kicking things off at dusk on Friday, September 15, was the Romulus Rotary-sponsored parade, which featured brilliantly illuminated vehicles and floats decorated in a variety of fall themes. Prizes were awarded in three categories: commercial/motorized (Bird's Punk'n Patch), noncommercial/motorized (the Romulus Community Schools' bus), and nonmotorized (Ramon and Bonnie Coronado's miniature horses and wagon).

The Pumpkin Festival itself featured a variety of entertainments for those who came out. Live and DJ music, a "Romulus Teen Idol" contest, basketball and roller-hockey tournaments, demonstrations by local law-enforcement and other groups, and historic programs offered something for everyone. Benefits for worthy causes such as the construction of a new Romulus Animal Shelter were also featured. Giving the event a real old-time flavor were competitions in everything from pie-baking to pie-eating.

Contest winners included:

Sunflower-growing Contests

- Kailah Mahon (largest face)
- Jim and Karla Van Assche (tallest)

Canning Contests

- Jim and Sandy Chapman (tomatoes)
- Judy Leland (green beans)

Pie-baking Contests

- Daniel Tatomer (sweet potato)
- Kathy Tuttle (apple and pumpkin)

"Romulus Teen Idol" Contest

- LaJoya Rush

Pie-eating Contests

- Spencer Apsley (ages 4-5)
- Martell Edwards (ages 7-9)
- Anthony Hamlett (age 10)
- Felicia Nerone and Ayla Raines (age 11)
- Deja Parkman (girls, age 12)
- Derek Sears (boys, age 12)
- Amy Elwart (adults)

Pumpkin-rolling Contests

- Alyssa Chapman (ages 2 and under)
- Courtney DeSantis (age 3)
- Christian Richard (boys, age 4)
- Faith Dusseau (girls, age 4)
- Joshua Montroy (boys, age 5)
- Kayla Leonard (girls, age 5)
- Justin Prybyla (boys, age 6)
- Gabrielle Fyfe (girls, age 6)
- Joshua Chapman (age 7)
- Katlyn Stevenson (age 8)
- Regan Kusibab (age 9)
- Rachel Leonard (age 10)
- James Chapman (ages 11-12)

Marshmallow Races

- Lauren Druyor (ages 5-6)
- Karra Yeramian (ages 7-9)
- David Druyor (ages 10-11)
- Cody Ridner and Katie Van Buren (ages 13-15)

- Stephanie Wiley (adults)

Sack Races

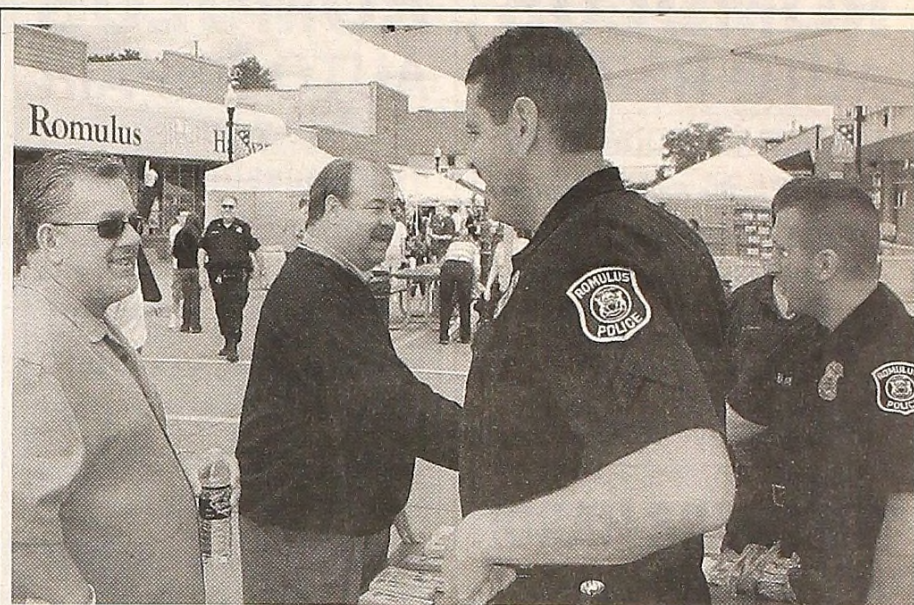
- Nicole Prybyla (ages 3 and under)
- Faith Dusseau (age 4)
- Joshua Montroy (age 5)
- Bona Wesley (age 6)
- Joshua Chapman (age 7)
- Kate Orr (ages 8-9)
- Devan Newbill (age 10)
- James Newbill (ages 11-12)

Airplane Races

- Vincent Ciccarelli (ages 8-9)
- Ayla Raines (ages 10-11)

Treasure Hunts

- Megan DeSantis (age 1)
- Carson Irwin (age 3)
- Dominic Albany and Madison Wise (age 4)
- Paul Burcroff and Lauren Druyor (ages 5-7)
- Kayla Taylor (ages 8-10)
- Joseph Forbush (age 11) □



(from left) Mayor Alan R. Lambert introduced Lieutenant Governor John Cherry to some of Romulus's finest at the 10th Annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival, held in downtown Romulus the weekend of September 15-17.



City of Romulus, Romulus Community Schools, and 34th District Court officials who rode together in the annual Parade of Lights included: (from left) front – Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg, Councilman Harry Crout, Board of Education secretary Niema White, Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, Board trustee Cheryle Buckley, Board treasurer Betty Lenossi, City Clerk Linda Choate, and Councilmen John Barden, Bill Wadsworth, Bill Crova, and Randy Gear; back – Councilman LeRoy Burcroff and Romulus Community Schools superintendent Carl Weiss.

A SPECIAL THANKS

This year's Pumpkin Festival was the biggest and best ever. I want to thank the Pumpkin Festival Committee for all their hard work, the Rotary Club for sponsoring the Parade of Lights, the citizens of Romulus, and all the vendors, performers, and out-of-town guests who made this an event enjoyed by every one of the thousands in attendance.

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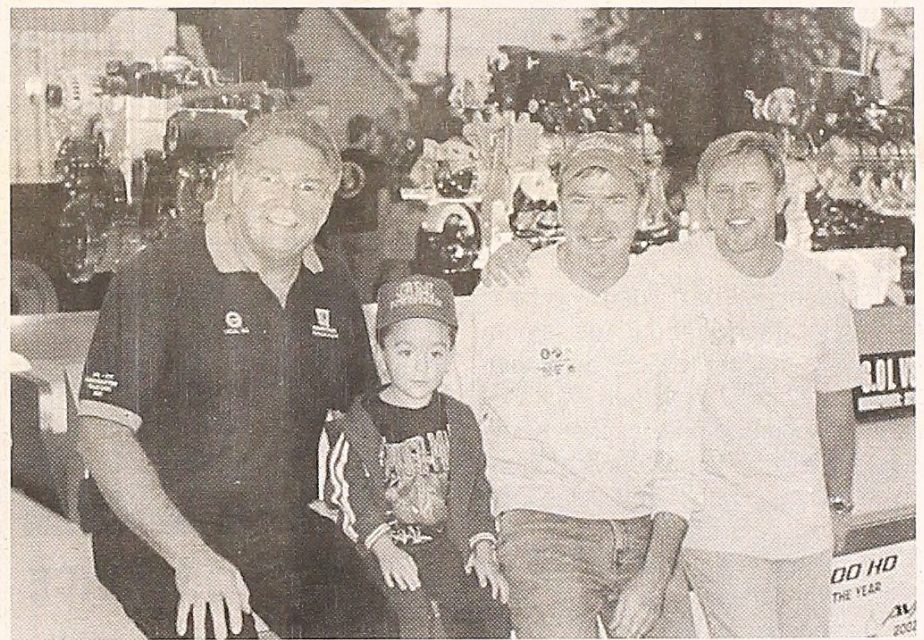
The Romulus Community Schools bus took first prize in the Parade of Lights' "noncommercial motorized vehicle" division.



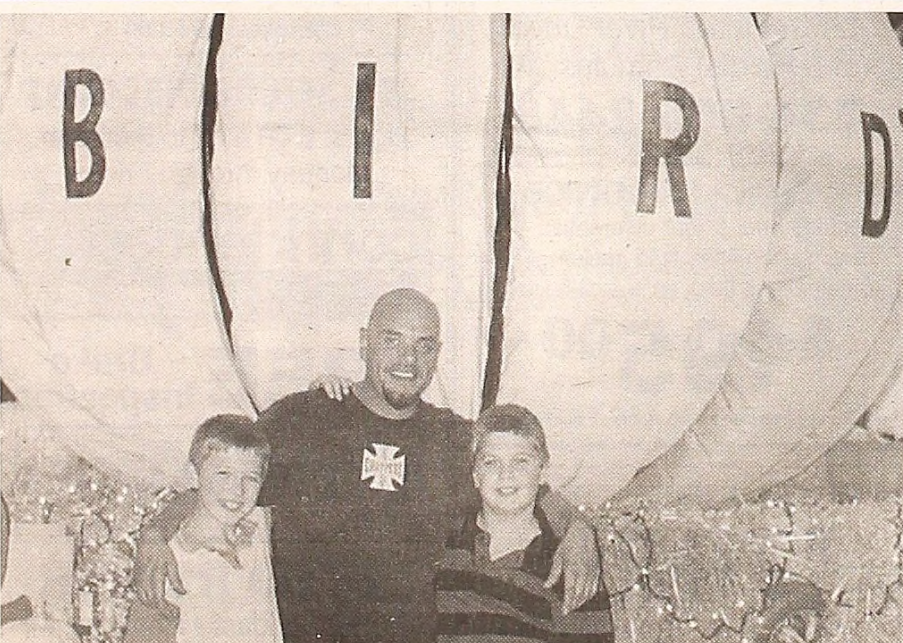
Students at Barth Elementary School in Romulus worked hard on their parade float.



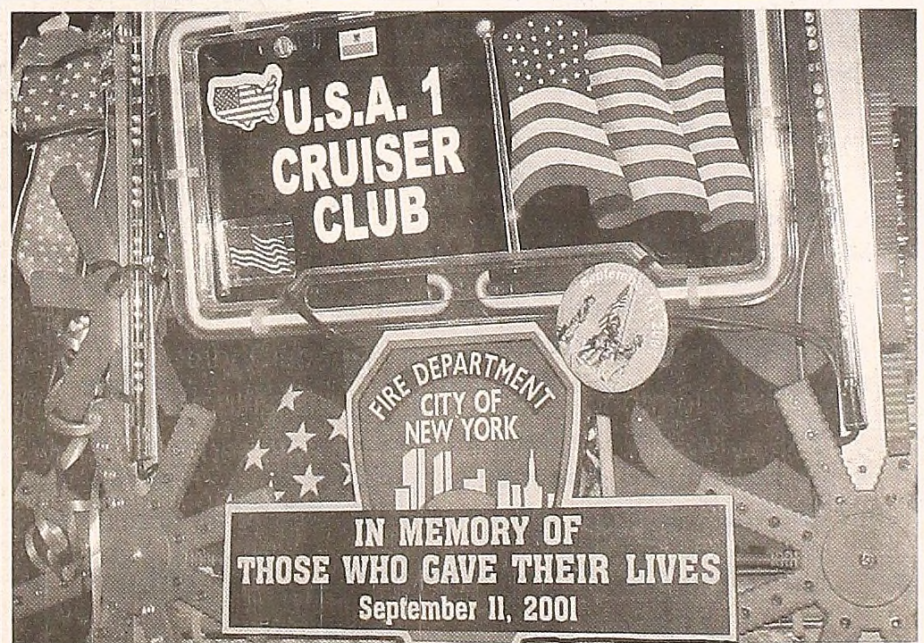
The Poets' float was among several colorful family entries.



GM Powertrain's float showed off some of the latest in engine design.



Bird's Big Punk'ns won the "commercial motorized vehicle" prize.



Mark Gray built this float, dedicated to the victims and heroes of 9-11.

District Emphasizes Learning to Give



Kathy Hurst (third from right), second-grade teacher at Wick Elementary, was supported by (from left) Dorothy West (principal, Cory Elementary), ShaVonna Johnson (principal, Wick) and her daughter Shayla, Marjie McAnally (principal, Romulus Elementary), and Phyllis Adkins (principal, Romulus Middle School) during her recent Service Learning presentation before the Romulus Board of Education.

Tom Dolan, Curriculum Department director for the Romulus Community Schools, recently announced that the district will become one of the first in the nation to use the new LEAGUE approach to service-learning and philanthropy. So far implemented only in New Jersey, The LEAGUE Powered by Learning to Give (as the program is called) resembles a competitive sports league in many respects.

"Students will be divided by school, then by classroom, and each classroom will have a teacher 'coach,' a captain, and a co-captain," explained Wick Elementary second-grade teacher Kathy Hurst, the district's former Service Learning coordinator, who joined Dolan for a presentation before the Romulus Board of Education. "A running score will be kept between the schools."

Hurst added that plans for the program include a number of events throughout the school year, including "serve-a-thons" (in which students get pledges to perform various civic tasks), spirit weeks, "act of kindness" card

projects, penny days, food drives, and a Valentine's Day card project for Veterans Hospital patients.

Dolan noted that the Romulus Community Schools has always been among Michigan's leaders in service learning, and was previously honored with a Presidential Service Learning Award. □



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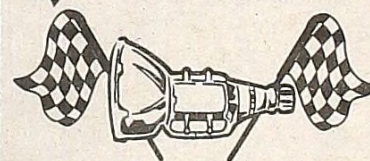
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Barth Elementary Students Learn to Give



Jeff Legg (third from left), special-education teacher at Barth Elementary, and students (from left) Jimel Jackson, Hunter Kovenich, Dylan Kooms, Kyle Rydzewski, and Justin Anderson showed off some of the school supplies that they have collected this fall.

Students in Jeff Legg's cross-categorical special-education class at Barth Elementary School have already embarked on their annual "school supplies" program. Area businesses have traditionally made contributions of notebooks, pencils, crayons, and paper, which are distributed by Legg's class to less fortunate Romulus children.

"Through this program, my students learn and acquire essential life skills needed to be model citizens," Legg stated. "District social workers let me know the number of students who need assistance in each of our elementary schools. My students then package the supplies; write short, friendly greeting notes that wish the recipients good luck on the upcoming school year; and then deliver the gifts."

Legg's students work in teams to divide the materials into packages appropriate for various grade levels.

"My students develop the spirit of teamwork through this project, and learn about the meanings of words such as kindness, respect, generosity, sharing, compassion, communication, and honesty," he said.

Legg thanked Romulus Auto Supply, Countrywood Florist, and the Barrington Apartments for their recent gifts to the program. He asks other Romulus-area businesses that would like to make contributions to contact him at Barth (734-532-1250). □

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Board Approves Teen Court Concept

During its regular meeting of September 11, the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education approved district participation in a new program called Teen Court.

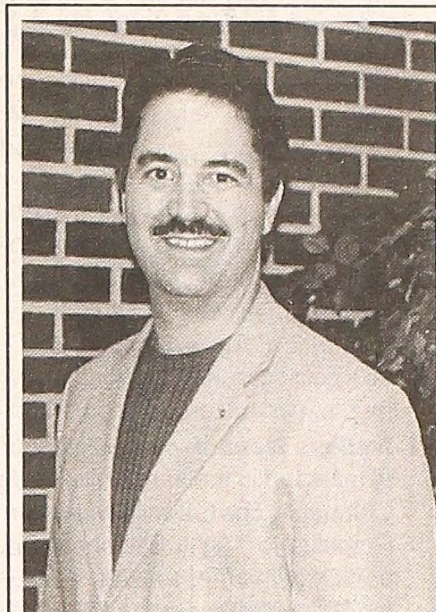
"The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has established this program as an alternative to the formal juvenile justice system," said 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley, who appeared before the Board to discuss the program's guidelines. "In order to participate in this alternative program, a juvenile will have to admit responsibility for his/her offense at the outset of the case, and agree to fulfill the terms of sentence imposed by a teen jury."

Oakley continued, "The teen jury will meet with the defendant and his/her parents, question them, and then decide on an appropriate sentence. We have observed teen courts in neighboring communities, and have been very impressed with the depth and sincerity shown by the student jurors."

Judge Oakley touched on a number of the program's features:

- Only juveniles with no criminal record are eligible for the program.
- A district court judge or licensed attorney will preside over each case.
- The juvenile will be placed under oath before giving details of his/her offense.
- The defendant will not have a criminal record if he/she abides by the jury's sentence.

Although specific details have not yet been worked out, Oakley said that a teen court would probably be set up at both Romulus High School and Huron High School (Huron Public Schools), with jurors to come from each school. Student jurors would receive several



34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley discussed the "Teen Court" concept with members of the Romulus Board of Education.

hours of training before assuming their duties and hearing cases.

According to Oakley, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office hopes that the Teen Court will give juvenile offenders a chance to realize consequences from their crimes without the stigma of a juvenile criminal record. The Prosecutor's Office also hopes that the students who participate as jurors will benefit from a real-world understanding of the criminal justice system.

"Neighboring communities have found that participation in this program has enhanced students' respect for the legal system, reduced repeat offences, and opened students' eyes to possible career opportunities in the legal system," said Oakley. "The student jurors that we have observed came up with original sentences that included community work assignments and sitting on their jury for a specified number of cases."

"We are looking forward to implementing this program in the near future, and we hope it will make an important contribution to the Romulus community," he concluded. □

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Community Calendar

- **Kids Day** – In keeping with thousands of other events held in communities worldwide, Dr. Jeremiah Shaft of True Health Chiropractic (9340 Wayne Road, Romulus) will sponsor a local "Kids Day America/International" program on Saturday, September 23, from noon to 3 p.m. Dr. Shaft's office will donate special ID cards to every child who attends the event, and the Romulus Police Department will be on hand to provide free fingerprinting of all the children. Other highlights will include a special appearance by McGruff, The Crime Dog; a fire-truck exhibit and safety-tips program courtesy of the Romulus Fire Department; and free spinal exams and scoliosis screenings given by Dr. Shaft, as well as free balloons, refreshments, and prize-drawings. For more information, call 734-941-2211.
- **Walkers Wanted** – Area residents who want to help fight hunger are invited to take part in the annual Belleville/Romulus CROP Walk, set for Sunday, October 1. The 6.2-mile walk from Community United Methodist Church in Romulus to Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville will begin at 1 p.m. A portion of the funds raised locally will go to the Helping Hand of Romulus, the Belleville Emergency Food Closet, the Belleville Church of God Food Pantry, and St. Vincent DePaul. For more information, or to purchase a "Walking Together" T-shirt, call Gwen Post at 734-699-9772.
- **Post Office Seeks Phone Cards for Wounded Soldiers** – New Romulus Postmaster Karen Hicks and her staff at the Romulus Post Office (located on Hunt Street in downtown Romulus) are inviting area residents to join their continuing efforts to send prepaid telephone cards to wounded American soldiers who are hospitalized far away from loved ones. Since hospitals like Walter Reed Army Medical Center don't offer patients long-distance phone privileges, the soldiers must call their family members and friends collect or use phone cards to stay in touch. Cards may be purchased at the post office (\$10 for 100 minutes, \$20 for \$250 minutes, or \$30 for 450 minutes) or elsewhere. Cash donations of any amount are also welcome, and will be pooled to purchase additional cards. For more information, call 734-941-3439.
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's new Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Copies of the suggested books will be available at the library. Books planned for upcoming discussions are: *Zeke and Ned* by Larry McMurtry (October 9) and *Eva Moves the Furniture* by Margot Livesey (November 13). Call 734-942-7589.
- **"Preschool Story Time"** – A few spaces may still remain in The Romulus Public Library's Preschool Story Time program, open to all children between the ages of three and five. Parents may choose between the evening session (Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. through October 24) and the morning session (Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. through October 25). Although the program is free, preregistration is required. For more information about this or other children's programs, stop in at the Library (11121 South Wayne Road, south of Goddard) or call 734-942-7589.
- **Romulus Head Start Still Accepting Registrations** – The Romulus Head Start program is still accepting registrations for the 2006–2007 school year. To register his/her child (age 3 or 4 as of December 1, 2006), a parent/guardian must provide the following information: parent's driver's license/State ID, Social Security cards for both the parent and the child, the child's birth certificate and immunization records, the child's health insurance card, the name and phone number of the child's doctor and dentist, and family income verification (W2, 1040, FIA breakdown, etc.). Registrations may be made at the Burton Center (35408 Beverly Road) any weekday (except holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please allow 60 to 90 minutes to complete all the necessary forms. For more information, call 734-532-1903.
- **Nursery Accepting Applications** – Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery, a nonprofit organization located in St. Paul's Lutheran Church (corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston), is still accepting applications for the new school year, which began September 11. To register your child, age 36 months to 5 years, call 734-753-5978.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 28, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 28, 2006, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent; Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/06/23 Moved by White, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

8/06/24 Moved by Buckley, supported by Mientkiewicz, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2006. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following Personnel Actions for Board approval.

TEACHER RECALL: Joshua Baker, Romulus Middle School, Social Studies Teacher, Effective August 29, 2006.

8/06/25 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education accept the recall of Joshua Baker, Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School, as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT: Renee Bow, Computer Teacher, Alternative Middle/Community High School, Effective August 29, 2006; Lisa Dembek, Biology II/Physical Science Teacher, Romulus High School, Effective August 29, 2006; Kimberly Jensen, Math/Science Teacher, Alternative Middle School, Effective August 29, 2006; and Rachel Jensen, Computer/Art Teacher, Shared-time with St. Stephen's School in New Boston and St. Alfred Catholic School in Taylor, Effective August 24, 2006.

8/06/26 Moved by White, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education accept the employment of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT: Kathy VanValkenburg, Program Coordinator, "My Friends and Me," Effective August 31, 2006.

8/06/27 Moved by White, supported by Frayer, that the Board of Education accept retirement of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

8/06/28 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Buckley, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mrs. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NCA Report

Mrs. Shellie Moore, Principal, Merriman Elementary, and Mrs. ShaVonna Johnson, Principal, Wick Elementary, gave an overview of the North Central Association accreditation process and goals for 2006–2007. Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, gave a summary of the NCA report and the visit by the State Accreditation Team which gave the Romulus Community Schools district-wide accreditation.

"Schools of Choice" Update

Mr. Richard Kruse, Director of Public Relations, appeared before the Board of Education with a "Limited Schools of Choice" update, indicating that the district had approximately 32 enrollees.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications or expressions from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Communications sent to Teachers, Local 64, Bus Drivers and Bus Aides, and Local 3422; and 2) Athletics Schedule.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. April Frayer requested that security be a priority at Romulus High School football games. Superintendent Weiss will come up with global recommendations to Board members regarding security. Mrs. Frayer further stated that both the Varsity and Junior Varsity football teams won their games. Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz requested that a plan be in place for administrators to be visible at football games. Mr. Thomas Kuderik stated that the discipline the players showed on the sidelines at the game was respected. Mrs. Frayer requested an update of the dissolved School Nurse position. Curriculum Director Dolan stated that the Adolescent Health Center would be providing training for staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8/06/29 Moved by Frayer, supported by Lenossi, to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:14 p.m.

8/06/30 Moved by Kuderik, supported by Lenossi, to reconvene in Regular Session of the Board of Education. Roll call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Regular Session at 7:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/06/31 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Mientkiewicz, to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Niema White, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

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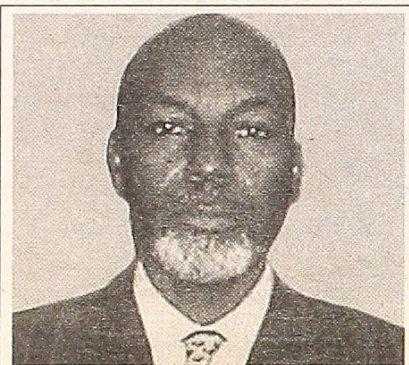


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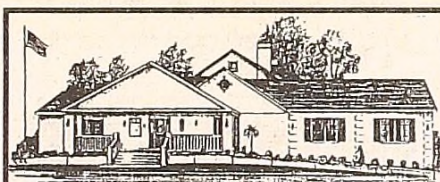
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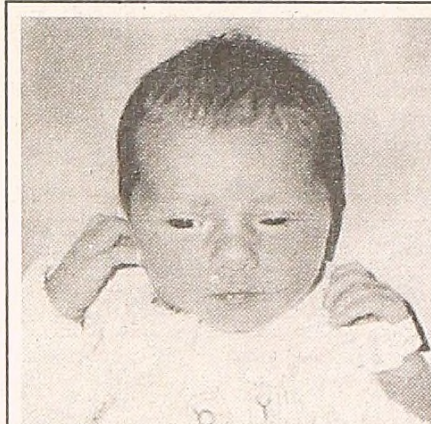
MacKenzie Joyce Whitehill

Jody and Katrina Whitehill of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, MacKenzie Joyce Whitehill.

MacKenzie was born in St. Mary Mercy Hospital (Livonia, MI) at 9:25 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2006, weighing 5 lbs., 3 oz., and measuring 18 in.

Especially excited about the new arrival was big sister Stephanie.

Also giving MacKenzie a warm welcome were her paternal grandparents, Keith and Marilyn Whitehill, and her maternal grandparents, Robert and Celeste Roscoe (all of Romulus). □



MacKenzie Joyce Whitehill

As part of our commitment to community service, The Romulus News publishes birth, birthday, engagement, wedding, anniversary, graduation, congratulatory, and obituary notices at no charge for Romulus residents and their families. For more information, please call 734-941-1907.

Obituaries

Margie P. Carney

Margie P. Carney of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2006, at the age of 82.

Margie — who was born in Kincaid, Illinois, on Monday, March 24, 1924 — enjoyed playing bingo, cooking, and spending time with her family.

Surviving Margie are 4 sons, William (Mary) Carney (Wayne, MI), Jerry (Beverly) Carney (Romulus), Roger (Bernadette) Carney (Taylor, MI), and John Dale (Sharon) Carney (Brooklyn, MI); 5 daughters, Barbara (Ralph) Eckert (Melvindale, MI), Nancy (John) Maitland (Romulus), JoAnn (John) Hulet (North-

ville, MI), Robin Carney (Romulus), and Darlene (Robert) Lelekatch (Romulus); a sister, Pearl Brown (Livonia, MI); 24 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandkids.

Those who preceded her in passing included her parents, William and Cora (Emely) Davidson; her husband, William L. Carney; 2 brothers, Arthur and Paul; and 3 sisters, Mary, Minnie, and Audrey.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 5, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Rob Joy (First Congregational Church, Wayne, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Mary Harris

Mary Harris of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, September 8, 2006, at the age of 91.

Mary was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on Thursday, July 15, 1915. A graduate of Belleville High School (Belleville, MI) and Michigan State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University), she taught in the public school system until her retirement. Her interests included yard work, flowers, and crafts.

Surviving Mary are a sister, Mrs. Helen Wielfaert (Britton, MI); a brother, Henry "Hank" Tkachuk (Belleville); a granddaughter, Kandie Moore; a grandson, Darold Maxim; 3 great-grandchildren; and a stepdaughter, Cheryl (Lloyd)

Manor (Monroe, MI).

Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents, Anton and Anastasia (Herlovich) Tkachuk; her husband, Homer Harris; a daughter, Elaine Maxim; 3 brothers, Peter, Felix, and Steve; and 2 sisters, Mary and Stella.

A funeral service was held on Monday, September 11, at Calvary Baptist Church (Romulus), with Pastor Marvin Hawbaker officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial tributes to the Calvary Baptist Church Ladies' Missionary Fund would be greatly appreciated by the family. □

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